

Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation
February 24, 2009
Salem School Media Center
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Dinis Pimentel, Richard Asafaylo, Bill Weinschenker, Kevin Lyden, Chris LaRose, Jim Choquette, Jenifer Lee, Monica McIntyre (arrived at 7:05 P.M.), Donna Leake (arrived at 7:06 P.M.)

ABSENT: Donald Bourdeau, Michael Siebert, Horace Lindo, Stuart Gadbois

GUESTS: Charles Boos, KBA

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

M/S/C (LaRose/Weinschenker) to approve the February 10, 2009 minutes as presented.

Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-1 (D. Pimentel).

M/S/C (Weinschenker/Choquette) to approve the February 17, 2009 minutes as amended.

Vote: Yes- 5 No-0 Abstain-2 (K. Lyden, C. LaRose)

The committee discussed a motion from the February 17, 2009 meeting and decided to revise it as follows:

M/S/C (LaRose/McIntyre) for the committee to pursue design on a renovate as new project assuming the 1994 exclusion waiver is granted with the end result being a final project not to exceed \$7M net to the Town. Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0. All in favor.

M. Siebert could not attend the meeting for BOE input because he was working. D. Pimentel, C. LaRose, and D. Leake were in attendance for the BOE. B. Weinschenker asked if the BOE had taken action on the Ed Specs, and D. Pimentel answered that the BOE has updated the Ed Spec and that it will be discussed at the March 2, 2009 Facilities and BOE meetings.

The committee discussed two sets of plans that C. Boos passed out, with the second as an alternate. One plan, the February 23, 2009 plan, was called the preferred and the February 24, 2009 plan was called the alternate. D. Pimentel was concerned with security at the school and the current safety in the front parking lot. That feeling was echoed by the committee. It was questioned if the front parking lot plan to have the bus loop separated from the parking/parent drop off would cost a lot to change from what it is now. C. Boos said it would not cost a lot of money to do so because the changes do not require excavations or fill. The existing pavement can be recycled onsite.

The new entrance on the first plan was discussed. C. Boos explained that with this change visitors cannot enter the rest of the building without passing through the general office first to sign in.

The location of the mechanical room was discussed. C. Boos reiterated that it's best to build it on the outside of the building so that while the school is fully occupied the new mechanical room can be built and fitout with no disruption to the school. This helps with phasing and efficiency of the installation.

D. Leake asked for C. Boos to go over the location of all the toilets. B. Weinschenker questioned if having one bathroom for two classrooms would work (in primary classrooms). M. McIntyre, J. Lee, and C. Boos discussed this and the general consensus was to maintain the classroom/toilet configuration as proposed.

M/S/C (Choquette/Lee) to approve the plans dated for February 23, 2009 for a renovate as new project with the following changes discussed: 1) Annotate the upper music room similar to the upper gym 2) Show the 1994 building excluded both levels by graying out and to delete the alternate stage 3) Clearly show the traffic pattern for the entrance and general office. Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0. All in favor.

There is currently no one involved in community outreach due to scheduling conflicts. The committee discussed possible people to contact for this purpose.

B. Weinschenker discussed his timeline as requested from the February 17, 2009 meeting. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

D. Pimentel spoke about a banker in town and asked if the committee should invite him to a meeting. C. Boos offered a person he has had experience with, Dennis Dix. The committee will invite Mr. Dix to a meeting.

J. Lee spoke about an e-mail that State Representative Joe Courtney had sent out about money the State may receive. It includes \$545.8M for local schools and \$24.1M for Title 1 schools. C. LaRose added that schools are not receiving money from the federal government, only from the states.

Next meeting will be March 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (Weinschenker/Lyden) to adjourn. Vote: All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lindsay K. Chester
Recording Secretary